

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Scientific and Statistical Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on August 24, 2012 in Boston, MA and on September 12-13, 2012 in Providence, RI. At the August 24 meeting, the SSC developed acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for fishing years (FY) 2013 – 2015 for Southern New England /Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, and Cape Cod/ Gulf of Maine yellowtail.

At the September 12-13, 2012 meeting the SSC:

- Developed ABC recommendations for Gulf of Maine haddock, witch flounder, American plaice for FY 2013 - 2015 and for white hake for FY 2013
- Developed ABC recommendations and an ABC control rule for Atlantic sea herring for FY 2013 – 2015
- Developed ABC recommendations for sea scallops for FY 2013-2015
- Discussed the proposed terms of reference for a review of sea scallop survey methods tentatively scheduled for March 2013.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

None

III. INFORMATION

1. Presentation – Summary of the Findings of the 54th SAW/SARC Meetings
2. SSC Report on ABC recommendations for groundfish - *to be distributed*
3. SSC Report on ABC recommendations for Atlantic herring for FY 2014 – 2016 - *to be distributed*
4. SSC Report on ABC recommendations for sea scallops for FY 2014 – 2016 - *to be distributed*
5. Groundfish ABC's FY 2013 – 2015, PDT presentation to the SSC, September 12-13, 2012
6. Groundfish ABC's FY 2013 – 2014, PDT presentation to the SSC, August 24, 2012
7. Presentation - Summary of Atlantic Herring SAW/SARC Assessment for SSC September 14, 2012, Jon Deroba
8. Sea Scallop ABC and Fishery Status Update, Dvora Hart, NEFSC
9. Correspondence